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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/122 of 18 December 1992, entitled "World Conference on Human Rights". In paragraph 6 of that resolution, the General Assembly approved the provisional agenda of the World Conference on Human Rights, as annexed to that resolution. The present document is submitted in accordance with that resolution.

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12. Recommendations for:

    (a) Strengthening international cooperation in the field of human rights in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and with international human rights instruments;

    (b) Ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues;

    (c) Enhancing the effectiveness of United Nations activities and mechanisms;

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13. Adoption of the final documents and report of the Conference.

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Prepared by the Secretary-General of the
World Conference on Human Rights

Item 1. Opening of the Conference

1. The World Conference on Human Rights will be convened at the Austria Centre, Vienna, on Monday 14 June 1993 at 10 a.m.

Item 2. Election of the President

2. Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure for the World Conference (see A/CONF.157/PC/54, annex II, decision PC.3/3) provides that the Conference shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

Item 3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

3. The provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.157/PC/54, annex II, decision PC.3/3, annex) were approved by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 47/122 of 2 December 1992.

4. At its fourth session, the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights decided on the composition of its General Committee and, in order to permit the composition of its General Committee, recommended to the World Conference (decision PC.4/3) that rules 6 and 11 of its provisional rules of procedure be amended accordingly. Under this recommendation, rules 6 and 11 would be amended to read as follows:

Elections

Rule 6

The Conference shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 29 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the two Main Committees established in accordance with rule 46, a Chairman of the Drafting Committee in accordance with rule 48 and a Chairman of the Credentials Committee in accordance with rule 4. These officers shall be elected in such a way as to ensure equitable geographical distribution in the General Committee.

Composition

Rule 11

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General, the Chairmen of the two Main Committees, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee shall constitute the General Committee. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee.

Item 4. Election of other officers of the Conference

5. The provisional rules of procedure, as proposed by the Preparatory Committee at its third session and approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/122, provide in rule 6 that the Conference shall elect, in addition to the President, 29 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the two Main Committees established in accordance with rule 46. These officers shall be elected in such a way as to ensure equitable geographical distribution in the General Committee.

6. At its fourth session the Preparatory Committee decided (decision PC.4/3) that the General Committee of the Conference should consist of 35 members to be made up of the following: the President, 29 Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General, two Chairmen of the Main Committees, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, and that the 35 offices should be distributed as follows:

Africa	9 offices
Asia	8 offices
Eastern Europe	4 offices
Latin America and the Caribbean	7 offices
Western Europe and other States	7 offices

Item 5. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

7. Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. The composition of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly is as follows: Barbados (Chairman), Argentina, Burundi, China, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, United States of America.

Item 6. Establishment of committees and working groups

8. In its decision 46/473 of 6 May 1992, the General Assembly decided that the World Conference would be convened in Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993. Pre-Conference consultations would take place in Vienna from 9 to 11 June 1993.

9. The attention of the Conference is drawn to rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure which provides that the Conference may establish Main Committees as required, which may set up subcommittees or working groups. Under rule 48, the Conference may establish, in addition to these committees, such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Each committee may set up subcommittees and working groups.

10. By decision PC.4/3, the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session decided that the General Committee of the Conference should include the two Chairmen of the Main Committees, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

11. Under rule 47, each State participating in the Conference may be represented by one representative on each Main Committee established by the Conference. It may assign to these Committees such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

12. Attached as an annex to these annotations is a proposed provisional timetable which takes into account the Preparatory Committee decision PC.4/3 referred to above. The pre-Conference consultations, to take place from 9 to 11 June 1993, are expected to make recommendations to the Conference in this regard, which will also be considered by the General Committee of the Conference in accordance with rule 13 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 8. Commemoration of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People

13. By its resolution 45/164 of 18 December 1990, the General Assembly proclaimed 1993 as International Year for the World's Indigenous People. In its resolution 46/128 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to proclaim the theme "Indigenous people - a new partnership" as the theme for the International Year. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly recommended the appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights as the Coordinator for the Year with functional duties to be assigned to the Centre for Human Rights in conjunction with the Office of the Director-General for Development and International

Economic Cooperation of the Secretariat and the International Labour Organisation. By that resolution, the Assembly decided that the Coordinator should convene a technical meeting of agencies, regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system with representatives of States, indigenous peoples' organizations and other non-governmental organizations. The Assembly also decided to conduct the opening ceremonies for the Year at its forty-seventh session in 1992. The programme of activities for the International Year is contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 46/128.

14. In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 46/128, the Coordinator for the International Year convened a technical meeting from 9 to 11 March 1992 (see E/CN.4/1992/AC.4/TM/8) and reconvened the meeting, at the request of the participants, from 3 to 5 August 1992 (see E/CN.4/1992/AC.4/TM.2/3). By its resolution 47/75 of 14 December 1992, the Assembly requested the Coordinator of the International Year to reconvene the technical meeting provided for in General Assembly resolution 46/128, during the three working days prior to the eleventh session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations. In the same resolution the Assembly also recommended that the fourth Preparatory Committee of the World Conference consider how issues pertinent to the International Year could be addressed within the framework of the Conference. A request was also made in the same resolution, that the Working Group on Indigenous Populations complete their consideration of the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.

15. The Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1993/30 of 5 March 1993, appealed to the specialized agencies, regional commissions, financial and development institutions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system to take into account the needs of indigenous people. The Commission requested the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to make its best efforts, at its eleventh session, and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, at its forty-fifth session, to complete their consideration of the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. The report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on its tenth session is contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/33 and the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples is contained in annex I to the report.

16. Reference should also be made to ongoing studies being undertaken by the above-mentioned Working Group, namely, the first progress report by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Miguel Alfonso Martínez, entitled "Study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements between States and indigenous populations (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/32) and the study on the cultural and intellectual property of indigenous peoples being prepared by the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Erica-Irene Daes. It may also be noted that the United Nations has held two expert meetings on matters of concern to indigenous peoples: the Meeting of Experts to review the experience of countries in the operation of schemes of internal self-government, which took place in Nuuk, Greenland, from 24 to 28 September 1991 (see E/CN.4/1992/42) and the United Nations Technical Conference on Practical Experience in the Realization of Sustainable and Environmentally Sound Self-Development of Indigenous Peoples, which took place in Santiago, from 18 to 22 May 1992 (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/31).

Item 9. General debate on the progress made in the field of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and on the identification of obstacles to further progress in this area and ways in which they can be overcome

17. This item relates to the first of the six objectives of the World Conference, as set forth by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 (a) of its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990. It is intended to analyse the progress made in the field of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration and the identification of obstacles to further progress in this area, and ways in which they can be overcome.

18. The attention of the Conference is drawn in this regard to the reports emanating from the three Regional Meetings held for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/155 of 18 December 1990 and 46/116 of 17 December 1991: the report of the Regional Meeting for Africa for the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/AFRM/14-A/CONF.157/PC/57); the report of the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/LACRM/15-A/CONF.157/PC/58); and the report of the Regional Meeting for Asia of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/ASRM/8-A/CONF.157/PC/59).

19. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/116, paragraph 5, the specialized agencies and concerned United Nations bodies have undertaken reviews and submitted recommendations to the World Conference and on its preparations, including issues related to this agenda item (see A/CONF.157/PC/61 and Add.1-18).

20. Under the same item, the Conference will have before it reviews and recommendations made by other United Nations bodies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights (see A/CONF.157/PC/62 and Add.1-16).

21. In addition, a report by the Secretary-General on other contributions relating to the World Conference and relevant to this item is available as document A/CONF.157/PC/63 and Add.1-29.

22. By resolution 46/116 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a limited number of short, analytical and action-oriented studies on issues referred to in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990, and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 of 5 March 1991. The study relating to this agenda item entitled "Progress and obstacles in the implementation of human rights: review of the period 1945-1992 and suggestions for the future" is contained in document A/CONF.157/PC/60/Add.1.

Item 10. Consideration of the relationship between development, democracy and the universal enjoyment of all human rights, keeping in view the interrelationship and indivisibility of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights

23. This item relates to the second of the six objectives of the World Conference, as set forth by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990. It is intended to consider the relationship between development, democracy and the universal enjoyment of all human rights, keeping in view the interrelationship and indivisibility of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights.

24. The attention of the Conference is drawn in this regard to the reports emanating from the three Regional Meetings held for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/155 and 46/116. These are contained in the report of the Regional Meeting for Africa for the World Conference on Human rights (A/CONF.157/AFRM/14-A/CONF.157/PC/57); the report of the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/LACRM/15-A/CONF.157/PC/58); and the report of the Regional Meeting for Asia of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/ASRM/8-A/CONF.157/PC/59).

25. In addition to the other documentation listed under item 9, the Conference may wish to consider the relevant study prepared under this agenda item entitled "On the relation between development and the enjoyment of all human rights, recognizing the importance of creating the conditions whereby everyone may enjoy these rights (see document A/CONF.157/PC/60/Add.2).

Item 11. Consideration of contemporary trends in and new challenges to the full realization of all human rights of women and men, including those of persons belonging to vulnerable groups

26. This item relates to the first and second of the six objectives of the World Conference, as set forth by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990. It would consider contemporary trends in and new challenges to the full realization of all human rights of women and men, including those of persons belonging to vulnerable groups.

27. In addition to the documentation listed under items 9 and 10, the Conference also has before it document A/CONF.157/PC/60/Add.3, containing a study entitled "Poverty, marginalization, violence and the realization of human rights".

Item 12: Recommendations for:

(a) Strengthening international cooperation in the field of human rights in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and with international human rights instruments;

(b) Ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues;

(c) Enhancing the effectiveness of United Nations activities and mechanisms;

(d) Securing the necessary financial and other resources for United Nations activities in the area of human rights

28. This item relates to the third, fourth, fifth and sixth objectives of the World Conference, as set forth by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of its resolution 45/155, as well as Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30. It is intended to secure recommendations, which while ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues, would strengthen international cooperation in the field of human rights, enhance the effectiveness of United Nations activities and mechanisms, and secure the necessary financial and other resources for United Nations activities in the field of human rights.

29. The attention of the Conference is drawn in this regard to the reports emanating from the three Regional Meetings held for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/155 and 46/116. These are contained in the report of the Regional Meeting for Africa for the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/AFRM/14-A/CONF.157/PC/57); the report of the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/LACRM/15-A/CONF.157/PC/58); and the report of the Regional Meeting for Asia of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/ASRM/8-A/CONF.157/PC/59).

30. The Conference also has before it a study entitled "The effectiveness of United Nations methods and mechanisms in the field of human rights: a critical overview" (see A/CONF.157/PC/60/Add.5); a study entitled "Towards a more effective and integrated system of human rights protection by the United Nations" (see A/CONF.157/PC/60/Add.6); and a study entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations human rights programme: one of the priorities of the Organization" (see A/CONF.157/PC/60/Add.7).

Item 13: Adoption of the final documents and report of the Conference

31. The General Assembly, by paragraph 7 (a) (ii) of its resolution 47/122 of 18 December 1992, had decided that the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session shall take up the question of the final outcome of the World Conference, taking into consideration, inter alia, the preparatory work and conclusions of the regional meetings held at Tunis, San José and Bangkok.

32. The Preparatory Committee, at its fourth session, in Geneva from 19 April to 7 May 1993, decided, by decision PC.4/1, entitled "Drafting of the final outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights" to proceed with drafting the final outcome of the World Conference, on the basis of the declarations adopted at the three regional meetings held in Tunis, San José and Bangkok, and other official documents of the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session, using document A/CONF.157/PC/82, entitled "Note by the Secretary-General" as a working tool.

33. Subsequently, the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session, adopted by consensus, a draft final document prepared by the Drafting Committee of the Whole, contained in document A/CONF.157/PC/98.

34. The Conference also has before it document A/CONF.157/2 containing additional proposed preambular paragraphs relating to the draft final document, submitted to the Drafting Group of the Committee of the Whole of the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session, and which could not be considered by the Drafting Group.

35. In paragraph 9 of its resolution 47/122, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its forty-eighth session on the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights, under the item entitled "Human rights questions". The draft report of the World Conference will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General of the Conference and presented to the Conference for its approval.

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday 7 June	Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 9 June	Thursday 10 June	Friday 11 June
		11.00-13.00 Informal intergovernmental consultations	10.00-13.00 Informal intergovernmental consultations	10.00-13.00 Informal intergovernmental consultations
		15.00-18.00 Informal intergovernmental consultations	15.00-18.00 Informal intergovernmental consultations	15.00-18.00 Informal intergovernmental consultations

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday 14 June	Tuesday 15 June	Wednesday 16 June	Thursday 17 June	Friday 18 June
10.00-13.00 Opening ceremony (plenary)	10.00-13.00 Plenary 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (1st)	10.00-13.00 Plenary 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (1st) 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (2nd)	10.00-13.00 Plenary 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (1st) 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (2nd)	10.00-13.00 Plenary (agenda item 8) 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (1st) 10.00-13.00 Main Committee (2nd)
(Child Event) Lobby 15.00-18.00 Plenary (General debate) 15.00-16.30 National Institutions 16.30-18.00 Special Rapporteurs	15.00-18.00 Plenary 15.00-18.00 Main Committee (2nd)	15.00-18.00 Plenary 15.00-18.00 Main Committee (1st) 15.00-18.00 Main Committee (2nd)	15.00-18.00 Plenary 15.00-18.00 Main Committee (1st) 15.00-18.00 Main Committee (2nd)	15.00-18.00 Plenary (agenda item 8) 15.00-18.00 Drafting Committee
	18.00-21.00 Treaty-based bodies meeting	18.00-21.00 Treaty-based bodies meeting		

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday 21 June	Tuesday 22 June	Wednesday 23 June	Thursday 24 June	Friday 25 June
10.00-13.00 Plenary 10.00-13.00 Drafting Committee	10.00-13.00 Plenary 10.00-13.00 Drafting Committee	10.00-13.00 Plenary (10.00-13.00 Drafting Committee) 10.00-12.00 Credentials Committee	10.00-13.00 Plenary	10.00-13.00 Plenary
15.00-17.00 Credentials Committee 15.00-18.00 Plenary 15.00-18.00 Drafting Committee	15.00-18.00 Plenary 15.00-18.00 Drafting Committee	15.00-18.00 Plenary (15.00-18.00 Drafting Committee)	15.00-18.00 Plenary	15.00-18.00 Closing ceremony